

EDITORIAL

Whither?

Another half year of our lives has trickled away. And what have we learned since the dog days of August and September when we trekked back to Drew to round out our youthful minds? What old lessons have been reiterated and what new insights have we gained?

Well, we know that our quest for excellence will soon be costing us six grand a year. Clearly, no matter how hard Woods tries, it will never replace mother's victuals. The SGA is once again a troubled body, perhaps not quite so apathetic in its reduced form as it used to be, but still prone to endless discussion and still encumbered by a mass of regulations and a heavy bureaucracy. Our social life is paralyzed because of a small budget and the consequent conservatism by activity planners. School unity is low, vandalism is common and exams are still pains in the ass.

On the other hand, the campus appears content with the present state of affairs. There have been no sit-ins or burn-downs, and we have better lounges, slightly improved food, midnight porno flicks, cheerleaders and a coed dorm plan on the way. Though the school newspaper is grossing everybody out, there are no obvious surface indications of crises at Drew. But why then the peeps and mutters from people who think students are being hurt by forces they don't know about? Are there really skeletons in administrative closets, and are there more than political power plays going on in the SGA?

Yes, Scott, and the rest of the school that is crying out for investigations, there are many aspects of the school that need to be checked into and changed. The Acorn will make determined push to dig into the bedrock next semester and we invite all students to grab a pick and help us. We need to take a hard look at malfunctioning organizations, administrative decisions, faculty fitness, living conditions, services and general costs. A spying, muckraking Acorn may not be as friendly as a bulletin board Acorn, but at least we will be helping to stifle any trend toward totalitarian Nazism on campus.

We'll give you the ugly facts, and we won't cry sour grapes even if by some catastrophe we get the same student response towards news writing that we had the first semester. We'll try to keep our news objective. Articles that needlessly rankle students, articles that are personally biased and opinionated, articles whose only aim is to invite a furious response and slick, overblown articles covering students' attempts to grab undeserving publicity are not what the Acorn wants. We'll continue with a balance of improved news and innovative humor (and please don't tell the humorists at Drew to put their stuff in the Lampoon; it is in no way a viable alternative). We know that Drewids like to be entertained, now we'll see if they want to be informed.

Peking

A Proposal to Remedy Woods

by Mike Goldman

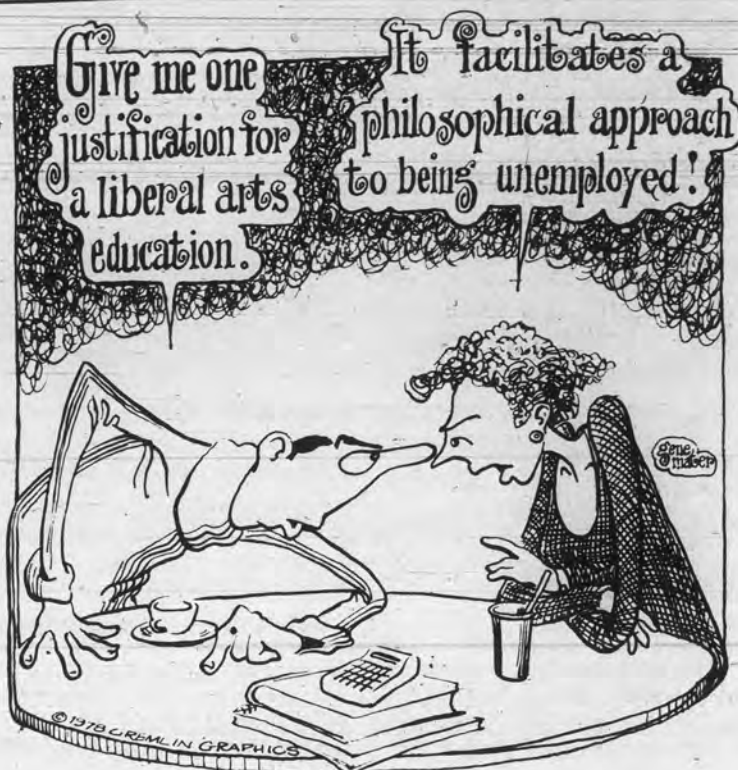
The Woods issue has been hot lately. Students are fed up with poor food. Our conversations are filled with gripes against Woods. Yet, out of this fury few solutions have been found for the whole mess. It's time to take on Woods and better our food.

Years ago, an angry F.D.R. commented on the Navy. I have replaced the Navy with Woods. "To change anything in Woods is like punching a feather bed. You punch with your right hand and you punch with your left until you are finally exhausted, and then you find the damn bed just as it was before you started punching." I think students are tired of punching Woods. We've gotten nowhere. It's time for a new approach. I propose this two-fold plan: 1. Drew should "universitize" Woods: operate the kitchen on its own. When you contract with a corporate food service

you get a feather bed.

When you run your own enterprise you get absolute control. Surely, Drew could hire its own cooks, bakers and managers. 2. Drew should hire ten Jewish grandmothers and ten Italian grandmothers to cook our food. Naturally, the grandmothers would compete with one another. Guess who would benefit? Doubtless, these ladies are accustomed to cooking for 50. Multiply 50 by 20 and you get roughly the mouths Drew has to feed. Imagine eating Brisket, Manicotti, Knishes, Matzah ball soup and so on!

I think a Drew operated kitchen, staffed with grandmothers, would measurably raise the quality of life here. It's certainly not sensible to pay the Woods company for food that is so often displeasing. Give Drew, and give the grandmothers a fair chance.



A Word from the Marathon Committee...

THANKS!!!!!!

It's really hard to thank people with words when they've done something far beyond the call of duty. The people involved with the Second Annual Dance Marathon last weekend all deserve more than recognition in a school newspaper, for it was only with their help, time, and energy that the marathon was such a smashing success. Unfortunately, though words cannot express our gratitude, they'll have to do. So, for what it's worth:

THANKS!!!!!!!

The Acorn, for printing all of these articles; Ken Daily from Woods for an overabundance of food; WERD D.J.'s for providing excellent music and entertainment throughout; John Day and Kathy Burns for incredible stamina and efficiency; the Drew Custodians for keeping things clean; Carmine, for an award-winning performance; Jack from the snack bar; Scott Smith, and Mike

Saxon for even tempers in the face of frustrating factors; all of the campus organizations who had booths; all Drew students who contributed by buying food etc.; Mrs. Wendler for the U.C.; all who bid at the auction; all faculty who donated to the Auction; The Drew Marathon Committee, especially Cheryl, Steve, Mark, Rosa, Dawn, Fa, Jody, K.B., Stacey, Marcello, Roni, Breffny, Janis, Leslie, Sue, Jeff, Cindy, Johanna, Aidan, and anyone else we forgot to mention; and of course those intrepid, shin-splinted Marathoners who courageously lasted 28 hours. Without any of you, this Marathon would have fallen through. Thanks again until the Third Annual Marathon, we remain

Sincerely yours,
Laura Becker
Melissa Freidman
Andrea Pappenheimer
second annual
Co-coordinators, Dance Marathon '78

Dear Editor:

In replying to Mr. Sarf's review on *Wild Geese*; he stated that the films are rotten. Well excuse me, Mr. Sarf, you seem to be a man with little or no taste at all. You said in the past two years there haven't been any good American films at Drew. What do you call *ROCKY*, *ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN*, *NETWORK*, *THE GOODBYE GIRL*, *JULIA*, *THE TURNING POINT* and *CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND*. Mr. Sarf those films weren't made in China. The majority of the campus seems to enjoy these and the other films a great deal.

As for your remark about foreign films, the German, Spanish, and French departments have one a month. If you would take the time to see what types of films the campus wants, you would see that you are wrong. I asked people what they wanted in weekend

films and what they came up with is the present list of weekend movies. Mr. Sarf I invite you to attend any weekend film and count the number of students who show up to watch the films or maybe we don't share your taste.

In ending, the students like the films because they are entertaining; the students don't necessarily want intellectual films on weekends, they have enough intellectual material to handle during the week in class. I suggest to you if you want the Old American ways go to Hollywood and make your own. P.S. Don't forget the other great American ways are racism, hate, prejudice and war. I'm sorry Mr. Sarf but I don't share your cretin views. I wish you a lot of luck Mr. Sarf but please get your head examined.

Leon Williams

To the Editor,

As we near the end of the semester, I'd like to make note that when we return in February, there will be two people who no longer will be in the S.G.A., or with us here at Drew. I note this because these are two people involved in the student government who have helped the student body with their time.

Tim Covington last year served in the S.G.A. as a dorm senator from Haselton. Currently this year he is the chairman of the Student Concerns committee. He has been one of the more concerned and active students in the student government over the past two years. In such University concerns as student-faculty relations (he was one of the main organizers of the Fireside Chats), library hours, curriculum, effective student government, and furthering student involvement in university af-

fairs, he has been in the forefront working for students.

There is not enough I can say about Margaret Baxter. Besides serving as last year's S.G.A. Vice-President, she has been involved with virtually every committee on campus in her almost four years here. She has organized such things as the faculty-student cocktail parties, and last year's Senior Week. This year she is the chairperson of the University Investments Committee. There has never been a more dedicated and effective leader for student needs than Margaret. There is no way that her experience and contributions to Drew can be replaced.

Students owe much to both Tim and Margaret. I'll miss their friendship. We wish them both the best as they leave the campus of Drew.

Sincerely,
Tom Fyler

